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"Let never day nor night unhallowed pass but still remember what the Lord hath done."

—*Shakespeare*

SCHEDULE

1915

March 16. Special Meeting, Board of Directors.
" " School of Commerce Holiday.
" " Lantern Lecture, Army Department.
" 19. Concert arranged by Mrs. Moffat, Army Department, 6-30 P.M.
" 21. Men's Meeting, Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, 4 P.M.
" " Territorial Department, P. S. E., 7-30 P.M.
" 22. Annual Inspection, School of Commerce.
" 27. Cinnema, Army Branch.
" 28. Men's Meeting, Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, 4 P.M.
" " Territorial Department, P. S. E., 7-30 P.M.
" 30. Lantern Lecture, Army Department.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

The celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Association on Monday, the 8th instant, marks an important epoch in its history. It has nobly stood the test of times and has more than proved its usefulness to young men of all classes. The Madras Association was started in 1889 on a small scale and in a small building opposite the High Court now occupied by the Patel Cycle Shop, Mr. David McConnaughy, M.A., being the first General Secretary and Messrs. W. Reierson Arbuthnot and the late Samuel Sathianadhan, M.A., the first President and Vice-President, respectively. Within a few years of its inception the Association had so outgrown its temporary abode that the need for a larger and more dignified building of its own was keenly

felt. Steps were immediately taken to raise the necessary funds for the present building towards the cost of which the Hon. Mr. John Wanamaker, Postmaster-General of the United States, contributed no small amount. The foundation stone was laid in 1890 by Sir Arthur Havelock, the then Governor of Madras, and the activities of the Association were transferred to its new residence a year later. The Madras Association may be said to be the pioneer Association in India and the young men who have gone out of its portals during the past quarter of a century to various parts of India to serve her in different capacities have borne testimony to the fact that they caught their first vision of service here.

For the first time in the history of the Association has a Governor of Madras accepted its patronship and we are extremely grateful to His Excellency Lord Pentland for the keen interest he has always evinced in the work of the Association. We are also indebted to the members of the various communities of Madras for their sympathy and generous support. We also take this opportunity of thanking those who have served on the Board of Directors from time to time for their help and advice in all matters connected with the work.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced with prayer by the Rev. W. Meston after which prizes and medals to the winners in the annual sports and tournaments were given away by His Excellency who presided on the occasion. Corporal L. F. Hutchings sang "Somewhere a voice is calling" and Mr. H. C. Herman presented the annual report giving a brief history of the Association since 1889 and a general survey of the work of the past year. This report will be printed and sent to members and others interested in our work a little later. Mr. E. C. Carter next delivered a very interesting and instructive address in his cool and deliberate style and carried the audience with him. In the course of his address he paid a glowing tribute to Mr. McConnaughy and his successors and complimented on the excellent work done during the past twenty-five years. He said that there are at present over 200 branches of the Association throughout India with buildings valued between two and three lakhs of rupees. The Madras Association had been the power-house in developing and training Secretaries and voluntary workers for India and more than a dozen young men who have had their training here are now holding responsible secretarial positions in different parts of the country. Mr. Carter also spoke at length on the work that is now carried on among the Indian Expeditionary forces in France.

In his concluding remarks His Excellency said that he felt sure that everybody present had been greatly interested in the proceedings of the anniversary Meeting. They had witnessed the distribution of prizes and medals, they had heard an excellent song by

activities. The Chairman in winding up the proceedings congratulated the members on the excellent programme and said that youth was the time to store up energy and to form character which would be of more help to them in starting life than any material advantages. He also made a reference to the late Mr. Gokhale and advised the boys to read that wonderful life of his which was spent in unselfish and disinterested labours for his country and to copy his example in their early days and follow in his footsteps in later years. The function came to a close with a vote of thanks to the chair by the Rev. Canon M. G. Goldsmith and the singing of the National Anthem. We take this opportunity of expressing our sincere appreciation to all those who helped us in the evening's programme.

Y. M. C. A. AND THE CHURCHES

A Magic Lantern Lecture on "The Interesting Views of North Indian Towns" was delivered by Mr. J. R. Isaac, B.A., in the Lutheran Young Men's Bible Union Hall. A good many Christians of the Lutheran Adaikalanathar Church were present and appreciated the lecture very much.

Cinema Exhibitions were also given to the members of the C. M. S. Zion Church and the Lutheran Adaikalanathar Church on the 10th and 11th instant, respectively, with the usual success that attends such shows.

We shall be glad to receive invitations from our friends for arranging either Magic Lantern Lectures or Bioscope shows in the Churches of Madras.

PERSONAL

"Of all the joys that lighten suffering earth, what joy is welcomed like a new-born child?"—*Mrs. Norton.*

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Worman on the arrival of Master Eugene Clark Junior. One more prospective member for the Boys' Department.

STUDENT DEPARTMENT

Mr. A. A. Paul, B.A., our Student Secretary, will be severing his official connection with the Madras Association on the 16th instant.

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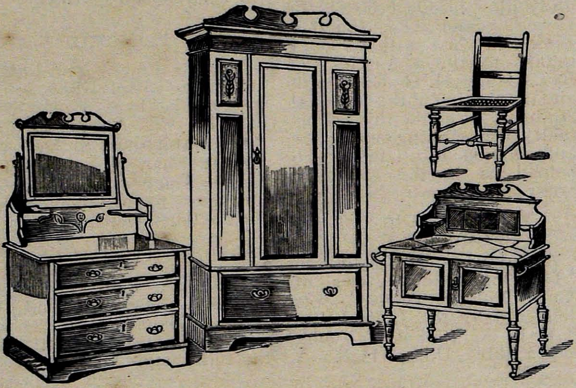

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